

spouse or parent in the home. This tax credit is important because most of the long term care provided in America is provided by families in the home, and these families desperately need and deserve tax relief.

By encouraging more Americans to plan for their future care needs I believe we can improve the medical, social, and financial well being of families, as well as provide substantial future savings to the Medicaid and Medicare programs. According to the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company, there is a 48% chance of any given individual of needing long term care in one's lifetime. And the costs of nursing home care for one year is approximately \$40,000. The potential for savings to American families, as well as the Medicaid and Medicare programs, by encouraging families to purchase LTC insurance is simply enormous.

I look forward to working on and discussing long term care issues with my colleagues during the remainder of the 105th Congress, and urge all of my colleagues to support this important initiative.

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#### IN TRIBUTE

SPEECH OF

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 28, 1998*

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Capitol Police Officers John Gibson and Jacob Chestnut who gave their lives last week in a vicious attack by a deranged gunman.

My heart goes out to the families of these officers, both of whom spent 18 years in courageous and devoted service to their country as members of the Capitol Police. They gave their lives, not only protecting Members of Congress, but the thousands of Americans and foreign visitors to this great monument, the people's house of government.

Officers Gibson and Chestnut were both known as kind, personable men who were especially devoted to their families. They performed their jobs with a special kind of pride in playing a small part in the smooth and efficient conduct of the processes of government.

As we go about our business in the Capitol, we tend to take for granted the freedom and protection we enjoy because of the selfless contributions of our Capitol Police who are constantly on guard against the type of insane acts which took the lives of Officers Chestnut and Gibson and wounded an innocent civilian.

This horrible act reminds us once again of the debt we owe to those officers who do their jobs daily in protecting those who work here and those who visit. With few exceptions, problems, large and small, are prevented so we are left free and comfortable to perform our jobs in peace.

We owe these men and their families a great debt of gratitude for their sacrifice. They will not be forgotten and their contributions will be forever recognized by the Members of the House of Representatives.

#### IN TRIBUTE

SPEECH OF

**HON. DONALD A. MANZULLO**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 28, 1998*

Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to help express my thoughts to the families of slain Capitol police officers John Gibson and Jacob Chestnut. I say "help express" because there is no total way to thank these men for laying down their lives for others. I would defer to the words of my wife, Freda, for these remarks, in the joint letter she sent to the Gibson and Chestnut families.

To the families of Officer John Gibson and Officer Jacob Chestnut:

My heart today is filled with a tremendous sense of debt and gratitude to your fathers and husbands and the sacrifice they have made. Scripture tells us in John 15:13, "Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friend." Indeed, we consider each officer at the Capitol a friend. Daily we give thanks for their constant careful watch of the members of congress and the millions of visiting tourists. Last night as we welcomed my husband, Congressman Donald Manzullo, home we breathed a prayer of thanksgiving for his safe return. But also your families and great loss were uppermost in our thoughts. Our heartfelt thanks pour out to you. Our sorrow at your loss is overwhelming. Another scripture comes to mind, one that I believe the Lord said as he received your loved ones into this eternal kingdom, "Well done, good and faithful servants; you were faithful with a few things; enter into the joy of your master," Matthew 25:23.

With love and gratitude,†

FREDA MANZULLO.

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#### IN TRIBUTE

SPEECH OF

**HON. JOSEPH P. KENNEDY II**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 28, 1998*

Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the two men who gave their last full measure of devotion in defense of the people's House, the U.S. Congress.

Capitol Police Officers John Gibson and J.J. Chestnut leave behind friends and family who will mourn their sacrifice for years to come. Today, a grateful Nation mourns with them.

Thousands of Americans are paying tribute as we speak, filing past their caskets in the Capitol Rotunda just a few hundred feet from where they died.

In the last few days, we've learned a great deal about Officers Gibson and Chestnut—their love of family and country, the many kindnesses they showed over the years to everyone on Capitol Hill, from committee chairmen to wandering tourists.

The focus on the lives of these two courageous men has been a poignant reminder of what America is really all about.

In death, Officers Gibson and Chestnut have been hailed as heroes, but they were quiet heroes each and every day of their lives. They symbolize what all of us strive to achieve.

J.J. Chestnut served his country in Vietnam, raised five children, loved gardening, and helped raise money in his neighborhood for college scholarships. He and his wife were often seen bicycling around their home in Fort Washington, MD.

John Gibson, from the great State of Massachusetts, suffered from the regional malady known as Red Sox Fever and shared his tragic affliction with all who would listen.

John was married to the niece of my good friend and colleague JOE MOAKLEY. A deeply religious man, John was devoted to his wife and their three teenage children and worked hard to give them a stable and loving home. In the Lake Ridge neighborhood of Woodbridge, VA, John was known for an easy smile, a generous laugh, and the best-kept lawn on the street.

In some ways, these were ordinary men leading ordinary lives. But when duty called, they acted in extraordinary fashion. They acted just the way all who knew them always expected they would.

Every one of us in this chamber owes them a special debt of gratitude. They served the Congress faithfully. They served the country faithfully. They swore an oath to protect and serve, and they died as they lived—holding true to those vows.

There is nothing we can say or do to diminish the loss felt by those who loved these men and knew them best. But at one time or another, we have all lost friends, we have all lost brothers, we have all lost fathers, and so we share their loss as well.

And today, we pause to remember not just what we have lost, but what Officers Gibson and Chestnut gave to each and every one of us: a lesson of bravery and courage under fire and a reminder of the greatest love of all—that of laying your life down for others.

That's what these quiet heroes did. I'm grateful for the opportunity for us to come together as a Nation, here in the temple of democracy they gave their lives to defend, to offer them a final salute.

My heart goes out to their families and all those who feel their loss most of all.

Finally, I hope this tragic incident makes us look inside as a Nation to recognize the real meaning of Heroism—the selfless work that goes on each and every day by those who take an oath to protect us.

I would ask that we look around us today and take a moment to appreciate the men and women of our law enforcement community who serve with courage and devotion.

They are police officers and firefighters, soldiers and sailors, secret service and FBI agents. And, as we know too well, they are also mothers and fathers, husbands, sons, and daughters. Some serve in uniform, some do not, but each and every one carries the same badge of honor, and we should never, never, take them for granted.

Because of the sacrifice of Officers Gibson and Chestnut, I know I never will.

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#### IN TRIBUTE

SPEECH OF

**HON. NEIL ABERCROMBIE**

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 28, 1998*

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Mr. Speaker, Officers Jacob J. Chestnut and John M. Gibson are